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Sumpter Township Police officers received a surprise envelope in the mail last week filled with thank you letters from fourth-grade students.

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Canton Township officials took part in a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new $6.5 million Fire Station #2 last week.

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A 50-year-old Inkster man is facing manslaughter charges in the fatal shooting of his 57-year-old brother during an argument.

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Wayne Main Street is partnering with members of the Rotary Club of Wayne and the Friends of the Rouge to conduct a city-wide cleanup of the roads and paths bordering the Rouge River.

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During Women's History Month, Westland paid tribute to Justine Barns, a trailblazer who rose from a school activist to become a State Representative.

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Communities to share in federal stimulus funding

Like area taxpayers watching their bank balances for the promised $1,400 stimulus checks, many local communities are anticipating the arrival of a share of the $4.4 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid allocated to Michigan.

Federal reports released last week listed a total of $130.2 billion earmarked for distribution to local municipalities, in addition to the payments to individual taxpayers. Payments of more than $1.78 billion will be distributed to municipalities including Wayne County and local cities and townships directly from the U.S. Treasury. The allocations were determined by Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) formula and the first half of the funds are scheduled to be distributed within 60 days after the U.S. Treasurer receives the required certification signed by the chief fiscal officer of the community. The second half of the local funds will be allocated one year later.

Local communities will receive a wide-variance in the amounts allocated from the federal relief funds. The City of Belleville is scheduled to receive $384,685 while Canton Township is listed in federal documents as eligible of $9,119,098. The City of Inkster is slated to receive $2,397,765 39 while Northville is listed as qualifying to receive $323,961 and $264.323. The federal chart did not identify which amount was for the city and which for Northville Township. The City of Plymouth was allocated $903,852, but the federal documents did not list an amount for Plymouth Township.

The City of Romulus is eligible for $2,327,562 in federal relief funding while Sumpter Township is listed as eligible for $924,686 and Van Buren Township could receive $2,803,777.

The City of Wayne is listed in the federal documents as eligible for $1,660,188 in federal relief funds while the City of Westland was listed at eligible for the highest amount among the local area communities with a total of $27,879,708.

An additional $686 million will be set aside for all other general-purpose governments that are not counties or metropolitan cities.

Local governments have a great deal of latitude in using the stimulus relief funds including paying costs like hazard pay or other wages incurred during the pandemic or to replace revenue lost due to the health restrictions of the virus. The stimulus funding is designed, officials said, to mitigate the negative economic impacts sustained by local government units as result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Funds can also be used for water, sewer and broadband infrastructure but cannot be used to support tax cuts or shore up pension deficits. Local governments will be required to provide a detailed accounting of how the funds were used and they must be spent by the end of 2024, according to a prepared statement from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Local arts groups awarded state economic impact grants

Local arts groups are celebrating the announcement last week of grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

In Westland, Inspire Theatre was awarded $39,009 while the Michigan Philharmonic in Plymouth was awarded $14,628 in funding to help relieve the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts groups. Tipping Point Theatre in Northville was awarded the highest amount of grant funding allowed at $40,000, according to the state.

The three venues were among 101 independent operators receiving $3.4 million from the state as part of the Michigan Stages Survival Grant Program.

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State officials said 392 applications for venue relief were received. To qualify, businesses had to demonstrate revenue thresholds based on ticket sales and could not have more than 30 employees, along with other criteria.

"These grants help entertainment venues across Michigan continue playing a critical role in creating the vibrant communities we need to thrive," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in a prepared statement. "We will continue our efforts to eradicate this virus and keep rebuilding our economy for our small businesses and communities."

Many arts programs are still waiting for the grant applications and requirements of the federal Save Our Stages Act which was approved by Congress last December as part of the $900 billion stimulus package.

Beth Stewart, president of the Michigan Philharmonic, said the grant would allow the orchestra to continue with the small performances musicians have been able to perform during the pandemic.

"This will help and, of course, we hope for concerts this summer." Stewart said that the philharmonic has been able to survive, without work for the musicians, during the pandemic due to the support of the public.

"People have been extremely generous and have stayed with us. The fans have supported us and we couldn't be here without them," she said.

Officials said the application period for the national funding has not yet begun.

Northville schools pledge full return to classrooms this fall

Northville Public Schools will return to full, in-person classroom instruction in all programs this fall.

Members of the Northville district board of education unanimously adopted a resolution during the March 9 meeting to return to the full, in-person instruction beginning with the first day of school this fall.

"As a district, we want our community to be clear that we are actively planning for a full return in 2021-22. While no one can accurately forecast precisely what the circumstances will be in September, we are committed to getting our students back to in-person school 5 days per week with the necessary protocols in place," noted a prepared statement from the school district.

To support this plan, district administrators have been working across departments on implementation, including: planning for contingencies on the utilization of available learning spaces and spacing of students; considering staffing needs to safely support a full return for all learners; exploring options for ongoing COVID-19 testing and vaccination; contingency planning for safety protocols that maximize student and staff well being; working with facility management specialists on HVAC options; additional strategies and improving access to instruction to support students placed into quarantine, e.g., by orders of the health department; planning supports for learners with different needs, including those who may need at-home supports, disability accommodations, etc.; continuing expansion of classroom technology including training of staff on the use of technology to support individual learning needs, learning within and beyond the walls of the classroom, and flexible access to learning and consideration of whether some families may wish to choose some level of virtual education options should the district be permitted to provide virtual options.

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"With the ongoing research into effective mitigation strategies, broadening access to COVID-19 vaccination, and the opportunity to build on the lessons learned this year, we are confident and optimistic about the future that lies ahead as we come back together for the 2021-22 school year," administrators said in the prepared release. "Thank you for your ongoing patience and support through what continues to be an incredibly challenging school year," they added.

"Better things are ahead of us and that work is well under way. There are and will be questions that simply cannot yet be answered, but we wanted to assure you that, like you, we look forward to returning to our most treasured traditions, building on our areas of strength, and moving forward on our journey to open a World of Possibilities for and with our students and families in the coming year," they concluded.

Northville - Plymouth

City council to consider revisions to 5 ordinances

Five ordinances were presented to the Northville City Council last week by members of the city planning commission. Each of the ordinance revisions were presented for first readings by council members. The second reading, and pending official adoption, of each of the ordinances will be scheduled and take place at a future meeting of the council. No dates for the second readings or formal adoptions of the changes to city ordinances was announced.

Among those presented was a revision to the open front space regulations. The proposed language brings all residential areas into compliance with an ordinance that requires homeowners to keep a certain percentage of open space in the front of their home and not have disproportionate circular driveways or paved concrete areas that are too large for the space.

Also under consideration is an amendment to the apartment size ordinance. The changes would affect those units in the Central Business District where new builds or remodeled units would be allowed to be of smaller square footage, due to space restrictions of many older buildings.

The council is also considering a change to the parking credit rules. This ordinance change would adjust parking credits for each building in the Central Business District to allow enough parking spaces for buildings that switch to a new use - as when office space becomes a restaurant. The ordinance modifies the parking credit requirement to one parking space for every 250 square feet of use, down from the previous 200 square feet of use.

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Two ordinance changes regarding fences are also being considered. One change defines the fence material, height and compatible materials; the other removes the fence ordinance from the municipal code and keeps it solely as a zoning ordinance.

The council members will also consider a change to the current regulations regarding historic preservation.

Ford Field and four lots along Main Street between Hutton and 341 E. Main St. are to be added back into the Historic District boundary, along with the parcel next to Ford Field that houses the play structure at Fort Griswold and parking lot.

All the changes in ordinances can be viewed in detail at http://www.ci.northville.mi.us.

Haunted history

Meet and greet some of the characters from history during the Plymouth Historical Museum "Ghosts of Plymouth" walk, set for Saturday, April 24. Walkers will hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves. The walks begin at 5 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes, circling Old Village and lasting up to 90 minutes. Participants should meet in the gazebo on Farmer Street, between Mill and Starkweather. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 per person the day of the Ghost Walk, if the event is not sold out ahead of time. Groups of eight or more should contact the Plymouth Historical Museum for a group rate of $12 per ticket. Call (734)-455-8940 x0 for more information. The Ghosts of Plymouth Walk is sponsored by ATS Advisors.

Police seeking suspects in Lake Pointe car burglaries

Plymouth Township Police say video doorbells and outside security cameras may be the key to identifying auto theft suspects caught on camera last week in Lake Pointe.

Police detectives reported four vehicles were ransacked between 3 and 4 a.m. March 10. The vehicles were parked in front of homes on both Farmbrook Drive and Crabtree Lane in the subdivision.

Police Sgt. Mark Hoffman said the investigation continues as officers review security camera footage supplied by homeowners to identify the suspects. According to Hoffman, the suspects went about prowling and searching for valuables in the early morning hours - finding unlocked and unattended vehicles in the subdivision driveways.

Many times auto burglary thefts are crimes of opportunity when owners leave a purse, cell phone or another high-value item in a highly visible area of their unlocked car, police said. They cautioned residents to lock car doors and not to become an easy target by leaving valuables in an unattended vehicle.

Hoffman said there were no signs of forced entry to the four cars.

If convicted of a larceny from auto offense, depending on the value of the property, individuals could face felony charges punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine not more than $10,000, or both.

Police have asked anyone with information about the identity of the suspects to contact them at (734) 354-3234.

Garden club meeting planned

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will be via Zoom at 11 a.m. April 7.

The speaker will be Rachel Hagen from the Living and Learning Enrichment Center. For information on participating in the meeting or the club, call (734)751-1156 or e-mail BQSturtz@comcast.net .

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE §28-10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §28-10 (Stopping, Standing or Parking) at their Regular Meeting on April 15, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of March 18, 2021.

The proposed amendment will state:

§28-10 - Stopping, Standing or Parking

(a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle:
1. In a manner which affects or tends to affect the free flow of traffic.
2. That a violation of this subsection, §28-10(a)(1) shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction punishable by a fine of up to $200.00 plus court costs with the 35th District Court having jurisdiction rather than the Parking Violations Bureau.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE §67-42

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the amendment to Ordinance Chapter 79 at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Virtual Meeting, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The amendment to §67.42 Paragraph B will state:

Consumer fireworks (1.4g). Consumer fireworks are prohibited and shall not be ignited, discharged or used. Exception: Unless specifically permitted by the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Act 256 of 2011 as amended. The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act restricts a local unit of government from regulating the use of consumer fireworks on specific dates and time.

The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2021.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 18th day of March, 2021.

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

Introduced: 02-18-21
Second Reading: 03-18-21
Publish: 03-25-21
Effective: 03-25-21

Publish March 25, 2021

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE Chapter 79

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the amendment to Ordinance Chapter 79 at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Virtual Meeting, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The amendments bring the ordinance into compliance with the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code and amend applicable sections and subsections of the ordinance to allow for the enforcement of the most current international best practices.

The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2021.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 18th day of March, 2021.

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

Introduced: 02-18-21
Second Reading: 03-18-21
Publish: 03-25-21
Effective: 03-25-21

Publish March 25, 2021

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SYNOPSIS
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Roger Lundberg, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee
ABSENT: Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas:
A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved
- Removed Item 3.A Seven Mile Road Trail MNRTF Grant
- Add Item 5.H Declaration of a Local State of Emergency - Resolution 2021-028

B. CDBG Proposal for 2021 activities - Approved

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
A. ManquenVance Presentation - Approved
B. Landfill Working Committee Report - Presented

3. Public Hearing:
~~**A. Seven Mile Road Trail MNRTF Grant**~~ - Removed

4. Brief Public Comments: None

5. New Business:
A. Moved to Item 1.B
B. Proposed project for Wayne Co. Millage Fund - Approved
C. Charitable Gaming License - Northville Baseball & Softball Assoc. - Approved
D. Annual Dues - Alliance of Rouge Communities - Approved
E. Maybury Meadows Pathway Maintenance Resolution - Approved
F. Fire Station Exhaust System Replacement - Approved
G. Public Safety HQ Shelving System Replacement - Approved
H. Declaration of a Local State of Emergency - Approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances:
A. Adoption - Fire Prevention Amendment - Adopted
B. Adoption - Fireworks Amendment - Adopted
C. Introduction - §28-10 - Stopping, Standing, Parking Ordinance - Introduced

8. Check Registry:
A. In the amount of $2,863,668.72 for the period of February 6, 2021 to March 5, 2021. - Approved

9. Board Communication & Reports:
A. Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen and Todd Mutchler

10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on March 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Reconstruction of dangerous intersection planned

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff is not a man who gives up.

It has taken Burcroff nearly seven years, but his persistent attempts to have the traffic intersection at Northline and Hannan roads reconstructed have finally paid off. Construction at the intersection, a cooperative effort between the city and Wayne County, is expected to begin April 15 and continue until Sept. 17, dependent on weather. The reconstruction, officials said, is a continued effort to improve road safety and reduce vehicle crashes.

For decades, the site has been an area of concern for Romulus residents, who have often cited the high accident rate in the area. When Burcroff became mayor in 2014, he began to meet with Wayne County officials to bring attention to hazardous road conditions at the intersection.

During the ensuing seven years, Burcroff and Wayne County officials have had frequent conversations about the need to repair the interchange. Burcroff even took county officials for a city-wide ride along to demonstrate first-hand shared jurisdiction roads in the city which need improvement.

The ride along demonstration proved effective as county and city officials eventually developed a plan to turn the boulevard intersection into a necked-down standard intersection with a traffic light.

"The improvements at the Northline and Hannan intersection will serve as a solution to a problem that has plagued our community for decades, making the roads safer for both residents and visitors alike," Burcroff said. "We're pleased to have a good working relationship with Wayne County and thankful for their partnership on this much-needed project."

During the April to September construction, city employees will place a state-of-the art LED advance warning sign to direct traffic and reduce accidents.

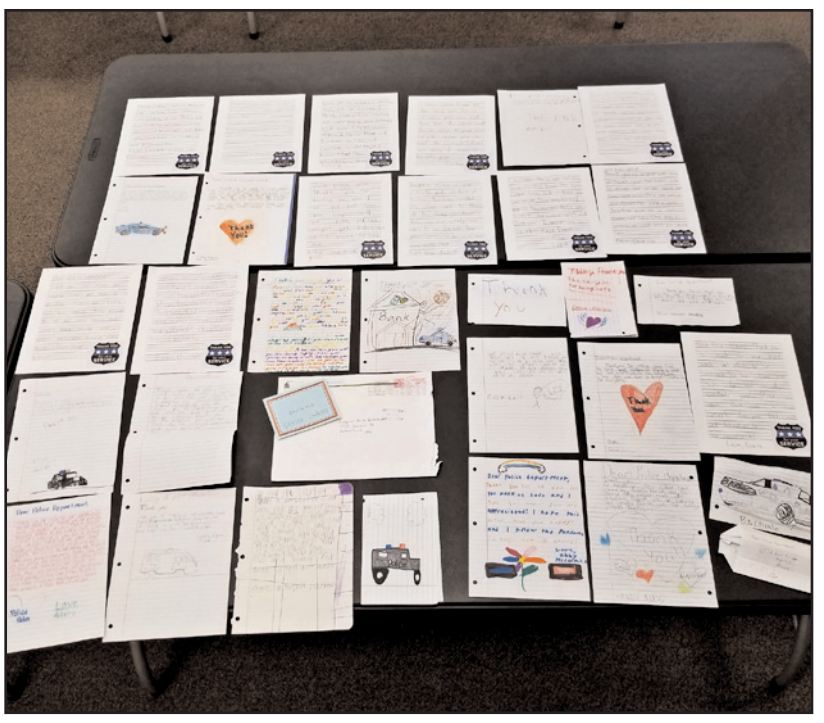
Burcroff said the city is committed to the restoration and preservation of the infrastructure and has completed several road and sidewalk projects in recent years. In 2020, Romulus completed a sidewalk project on Van Born Road between Fourth Street and Washington Street, linking a dense residential area to the businesses on Wayne Road.

Romulus recently submitted a grant proposal to the Michigan Department of Transportation for alternative funding to place a sidewalk on Wayne Road between Van Born and Wick roads.

"It's important that our residents have access to a safe route to downtown businesses and residential districts," said Romulus Department of Public Works Director Roberto Scappaticci.

"It's also important that our residents feel heard. If they come to the city with an infrastructural need, we do our best to address the issue at hand."

For more information, visit romulusgov.com/.



Special delivery

Members of the Sumpter Township Police Department received a large envelope in the mail last week filled with thank you letters from the fourth-grade class at Keystone Academy in Belleville. Students hand-wrote the notes of support and admiration for the local police officers and thanked them for all they do in the community. Officers posted the notes on the official Facebook page with a note of thanks to the students and said it "was a great way to start the day."

Township Hall remains closed

Van Buren Township Hall will remain open by appointment only through March 31, according to officials.

Appointment hours are from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and some same day appointments are available.

"We're encouraging residents to use the dropbox in front of township hall or in the police lobby, to pay bills online or do business over the phone," said township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"If residents need to come into township hall, please call ahead to the appropriate office and schedule an appointment. Once you've arrived at township hall, please wait in your vehicle until your appointment time. At your appointment time, enter the front door and a screener will greet you and direct you to the corresponding office," he added.

Masks and social distancing are required at all times in township hall.

For a department list of all township office phone numbers or more information on how to schedule an appointment visit vanburen-mi.org.

Easter celebration set Saturday

The annual Easter celebration in Romulus is set for 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Saturday, March 27 at the Romulus City Hall Complex parking lot.

This year, the traditional holiday event will include strolling social distancing stations, a safe photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny, story tellers, goodie bags with special eggs that may contain give-away item, stuffed animals and coloring sheets, while supplies last.

The event is organized by the Romulus Recreation Department in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority and the Romulus Public Library. The event, as always, is free but donations to be used toward future programming will be gratefully accepted.

For more information, call (734)941-8665.

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 20/21-13 LARGE WATER PARTS - TWO YEAR CONTRACT PRICING FOR WATER HYDRANTS & GATE VALVES
ITB 20/21-14 Two Year Contract Pricing for Gravel, Sand & Limestone

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for two year contract pricing for the above items.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., **Tuesday, 4/13/2021**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) The public opening of all timely received bids will be provided virtually via "Zoom" at approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 4/13/2021. Log in information for the "Zoom" meeting can be obtained by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com or utilizing the information provided in the bid documents.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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Sumpter Township, MI Employment Opportunity

Sumpter Township is currently accepting applications for Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The Ordinance Enforcement Officer reports to the Sumpter Township Chief of Police and is responsible for all functions of ordinance enforcement, resident ordinance-related communications, ordinance questions and works closely with Township Hall officials, Community Planner and the Building Department. This is a full-time union (AFSCME) position. Excellent wage, available benefits such as medical, dental, optical and more. Successful candidate will have excellent verbal & written communication abilities, strong detail orientation, organizational skills and BS&A user knowledge. Ordinance experience is preferred.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to ATTN: Chief of Police, Sumpter Township, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111. 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 8th, 2021. Application and job description available on our website, www.SumpterTwp.org

Sumpter Township is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, or any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal, state, or local laws.

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NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION
City of Romulus, Michigan
May 4, 2021 - Special Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION
WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, MAY 04, 2021.**

Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at a Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County Clerk's Office, other designated state agencies, or the City of Romulus Clerk's office which is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote or romulusgov.com and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IN ANY MANNER OTHER THAN IN-PERSON WITH THE LOCAL CLERK FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021.

After this date, persons residing in the City of Romulus can register in-person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) with the Romulus City Clerk Offices, located at 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus MI 48174 at the following times:

- Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
- Saturday, May 01, 2021 from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, May 04, 2021 from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

The following proposals will appear on the ballot:

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 17.6836 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS AND .50 MILL FOR 10 YEARS FOR HEADLEE RESTORATION PURPOSES, IF NECESSARY.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Street, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1400, (734) 532-1600.

WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $144,000,000.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, 24821 Hall Road, Woodhaven, Michigan 48183-3756, (734) 783-3300.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
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Plymouth

Plymouth community mourns loss of Steve Harper

The Plymouth District Library and Plymouth community lost a champion earlier this month when library board member Stephen Harper passed away. Mr. Harper was a dedicated and passionate volunteer and served the Plymouth community through his leadership in several organizations.

"The Plymouth District Library has become an anchor institution in the Plymouth community greatly due to Steve's impact," recalled Library Director Carol Souchock.

She said that a few years ago, Mr. Harper reflected on his role in the creation of the Plymouth District Library.

"Libraries are one of the most important public services government can provide. I have worked to give the Plymouth community world-class public library facilities and services," he said.

Brian Anderson, the Plymouth District Library board of trustee president, said, "Steve was a champion of libraries throughout nearly four decades of dedicated public service, donating his time and efforts in nearly every possible capacity toward their cause. His advocacy of the library, both to his community and to our governing bodies helped advance library interests at all levels. To the Plymouth District Library (PDL) Steve was a role model, demonstrating a willingness to mentor and encourage new trustees that was invaluable in helping the PDL to maintain a stable and well informed board. His insights consistently provided focus on the significance of libraries in the region and state regarding trends, funding, leadership and commitment to the community. He also enhanced the reputation of our library through his involvement with other stakeholders within our community, such as the Plymouth Canton Board of Education, Growth Works, and the Educational Excellence Foundation."

Mr. Harper was active in Plymouth community service for more than 40 years, beginning with his involvement in Growth Works (a Plymouth youth and family support service) and in 1976 as an elected member of the Plymouth School District Board of Education. He remained active on the school board for several years and then turned his attention to the newly- formed Friends of the Plymouth Library. The Friends were formed to champion and support outstanding library service for Plymouth. Mr. Harper was listed as a founding member of the organization in the Articles of Incorporation filed in 1982 and was elected as the first treasurer of the group on May 25, 1982.

Stephen Harper

While Mr. Harper was working with the Friends, moves were afoot to establish the library as an independent entity, apart from the city government. He co-organized the 1985 petition drive and referendum to create the Plymouth District Library. On Sept. 10, 1985, voters approved the creation of the Plymouth District Library.

Mr. Harper was listed as a candidate for trustee on the Library Board of Trustees in that same election and became a board member for the newly established district library. With his background in finance, Mr. Harper was invaluable in creating the first library budget and working to pass the initial millage in the November 1985 election, Souchock recalled.

In 1989 when it had become obvious that the library had outgrown the current building, Mr. Harper was named chairperson of the Building Committee to explore the construction of a new building. He helped lead the campaign that resulted in voter approval of a new library on Nov. 8, 1994. As a member of the Library Board of Trustees, Mr. Harper was part of the team that selected the design and site for the present building. In April 1998 the then 42,000 square foot Plymouth District Library opened to the public, thanks in great part to the leadership of Steve Harper.

Mr. Harper served on the Plymouth District Library board from 1986 - 2004 and returned to the library board in 2015 to improve and expand services to the Plymouth community. He served in all of the board executive officer positions and chaired the building committee where he guided the planning, design and construction of the present Dunning-Hough Library.

"With his leadership the Plymouth District Library has significantly impacted the Plymouth community and will continue to do so for decades to come," Souchock said.

Mr. Harper also supported local libraries throughout southeast Michigan by serving on The Library Network (TLN) board of trustees from 2004 - 2021. His extensive knowledge and experience in the financial sector assisted The Library Network in its continued fiscal responsibility and vitality. He also proudly served on Education Excellence Foundation of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 2000 - 2021.

Mr. Harper was a long-time resident of Plymouth Township and earned his bachelors degree from Washington College, in Chestertown, MD. He earned his MBA from Babson College in Wellesley, MA.

Mr. Harper retired from Ford Motor Co. in 2002 following a 35-year career in corporate finance and business planning.

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Members: Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Clerk Michael Siegrist, Treasurer Dian Slavens

Trustees: Kate Borninski, Sommer Foster, Tania Ganguly, Steven Sneideman

Regular Meeting 12/08/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website

Regular (Study Session) Meeting 12/15/2020: Synopsis: Transparency Dashboard Update, Embedded Social Worker Program as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting 12/22/2020: Synopsis: Union negotiations update, Legislative update. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Special Meeting 1/09/2021: Synopsis: Board of Trustees Training / Orientation as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting 1/12/2021: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting1/26/2021: Synopsis: Public Hearing was held. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Regular (Study Session) Meeting 2/02/2021: Synopsis: Canton road improvement update as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting 2/09/2021: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Special Meeting 2/13/2021 & 2/14/2021: Synopsis: Board of Trustees Strategic Visioning as posted in full on website.

Regular (Study Session) Meeting 2/16/2021: Synopsis: Recycling and Municipal Finance and Accounting Rules as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting 2/23/2021: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Copies of the complete Board minutes can be found for free at www.canton-mi.org. Minutes can also be viewed or copied at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI during normal business hours. Call 734-394-5120 for more information. CN2202 - 032521 2.5 x 2.984

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NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 34, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2021 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine that is set at the courts discretion.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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1. Obituaries

Otis W. Whaling

Otis W. Whaing, 85, of Fenton, formerly of Romulus, passed away March 12, 2021.

Mr. Whaling was born March 20, 1935 in Richwood, West Virginia, the son of Clyde and Eula (Godfrey) Whaling.

He was a graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit where he served as class president and was on the basketball team. Following high school, Mr. Whaling proudly served in the United States Air Force. He retired as a draftsman from Bendix Corp. and is remembered for the great pride he took in his yard and his love of gardening. He also enjoyed ceramics. A family man, he loved his family deeply and had a deep affection for his pet dog, Nikki.

Mr. Whaling is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Mary Dubay-Whaling; his children, Donna (Kurt) Stapish, Scott (Gloria) Whaling, Carole Morrow, Cindy Stokes, and Bob (Mary) Whaling; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Lea Brown, Jack Whaling, and Pat Bridgeman.

Funeral services will be planned at a later date.

Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneral-homes.com.

Those desiring may make contributions in his memory to Humane Society of Genesee County.

John T. Reddy

John T. Reddy, Jr., 79, of Westland died March 15, 2021.

Mr. Reddy retired in 1997 as the deputy police chief after 30 years of service with the Westland Police Department.

Mr. Reddy was the beloved husband of the late Shirley Reddy.

Among his survivors are his children, Sheri (Timothy Kalnasy) Reddy, John (Kelly) Reddy, Sheila Larimore, Richard Reddy, Nicole (Blue) Jones and special family member, Ann Marie Gallagher; siblings, Tom (Phyllis) Taylor, Michael (Lori) Reddy, David (Carol) Reddy, Sheila (John) Rogers, and the late Maureen Reddy.

Mr. Reddy was the proud "Pap" of Justin, Alexa, Michael Paul, Katlyn, Illissa, Alicia, Dallas, Austin, Hannah, Brooke, Luke, River and Ryder and the great-grandpa of Landon, Haley, Brinley and Jaxton.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Arvy Thomas Heath

Arvy Thomas Heath, 77, of Manchester, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side, March 17, 2021, following a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Heath was born Dec. 15, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to Arvy and Norma (Vetor) Heath, longtime residents of Canton Township.

He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1961, and earned a degree in commerce from Henry Ford Community College.

Mr. Heath and Linda "Lynn" Siprak were married on Feb. 27, 1965 in Garden City.

Mr. Heath worked for Ford Motor Co., for 33 years, retiring as a Finance Supervisor. In retirement he took up beekeeping and was the owner of Oak Hill Farm Honey in Manchester. He helped many to become beekeepers.

Mr. Heath will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed by his wife, Lynn; his children, Tom (Angel) Heath and Anna Jacob; his grandchildren Zachary, Elijah and Gabriel Jacob, and Lizzie Heath, along with a host of other family members and many friends. He was a man with a big heart and was loved by everyone.

Due to Covid-19, a public funeral service is not planned. Memorial contributions may be given to family for future designation. A message of comfort for Mr. Heath's family can be left at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.

30. Help Wanted

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Indoor Farmers' Market is planned

The Canton Farmers Market will return with a special off-season market at the Summit on the Park community recreation center next month.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place at the market which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18, in the Banquet Center.

> *A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in the market.*

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in the market including: Pick Michigan - featuring produce, eggs, and tortillas; Kapnick Orchards - featuring apples, apple cider, and baked goods; Simply Gourmet Fresh - featuring salsa, chips, and gourmet butter; The Cheese People of Grand Rapids - featuring cheese; Boblin Honey- featuring honey; Spicegrrrl LLC - featuring spices; The Pasta Shop Plymouth - featuring pasta and sauce; Kapolnek Farms LLC - featuring USDA Certified Beef; One Tough Cookie - featuring designed sugar cookies; Sign Woodworks - featuring unique signs and crafts; Vera's Kuntry Bakery - featuring pies, cookies, candy and more and Olde Crow Primitives - featuring seasonal crafts, signs, and candles.

"We're always excited to bring back our off-season markets to the Summit on the Park," said Canton Farmers Market Supervisor Jennifer Franz. "Now more than ever we are glad that we're able to help support our local farmers and crafters who provide access to healthy food sources and unique items."

All market-goers, vendors, and staff will be required to properly wear face masks, covering both mouth and nose, as well as abide by social distancing requirements. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

> *The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will re-open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, May 9.*

The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will re-open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, May 9, and will be open every Sunday through Oct. 11 in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496, contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5375.

Warm welcome

Canton Township officials took part in a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new Fire Station #2, located on Warren Road, west of Haggerty Road. The new $6.5 million station is expected to be fully operational by the end of the month and fire officials are hoping to be able to host an open house for the public later this year.

A matter of balance

Canton Club 55+ sponsors virtual senior workshop

> *Starting the third week, participants learn simple exercises to increase strength and flexibility...*

The Canton Club 55+ will sponsor A Matter of Balance workshop from 1 until 3 p.m. for eight Fridays. An information session about the workshop is set for 1 until 2 p.m. Friday April 9.

The National Institutes of Health say that falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries in people 65 and older. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is hosting the workshops online to help older adults reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of those who have concerns about falls. The eight-week workshops meet weekly over Zoom and require a computer or other device with internet access and a camera. A meeting link will be sent to registered participants. There is no cost to participate in the workshops but donations are always welcome.

Any adult 65 and older in Michigan can join the workshops. Sponsored by various community partners, including the Canton Club 55+, A Matter of Balance workshop will take place from 1 until 2 p.m. April 16 through 30, May 7 through May 28 and from 1 until 3 p.m. June 4.

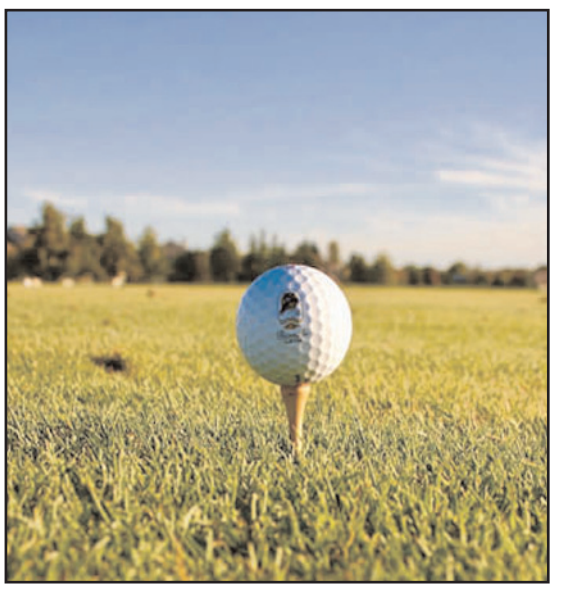
To register or for more information, call LaShawn Griffin at 800-482-1455 or email lgriffin@nkfm.org.

Award-winning A Matter of Balance workshops are led by trained leaders in the community. The goal of the evidence-based program is to reduce fear of falling, stop the fear of falling cycle, and increase activity levels among older adults, according to a prepared statement. Participants engage in group discussion, problem solving, skill building, and assertiveness training. Starting the third week, participants learn simple exercises to increase strength and flexibility and improve range of motion and balance.

A Matter of Balance participants also learn to set realistic goals to increase activity and change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, representatives said. To learn more about A Matter of Balance, visit www.nkfm.org/matterofbalance.

Swing season

Dust off those golf clubs. Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township is now open for the 2021 golf season. The first tee time was set for 8:30 a.m. last Monday. In addition, the Pro Shop will be open at 8 a.m. If Mother Nature allows, the township course will remain open on a day-to-day basis. Masks must be worn inside the facility. To book a tee time, visit at www.golfprgc.org! #GolfPRGC #GolfCantonMI #PheasantRunCantonMI.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2021 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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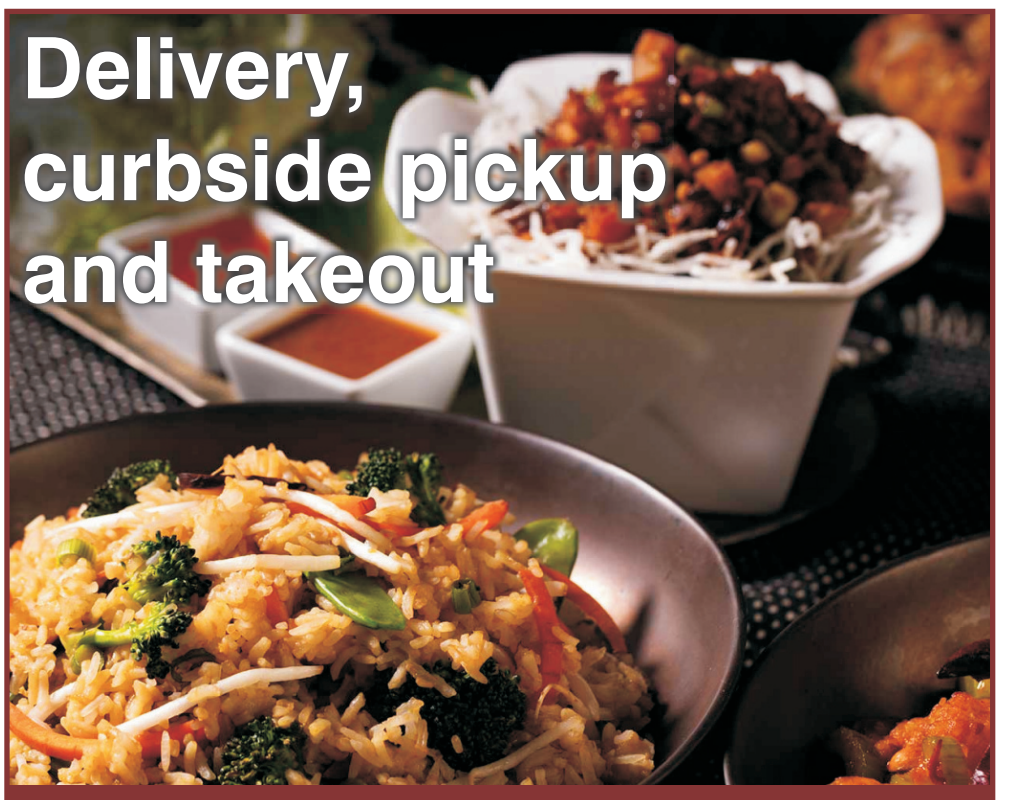

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First lady

During March, designated as Women's History Month set aside to honor women's contributions in American history, the City of Westland paid tribute to Justine Barns, a trailblazer who rose from a school activist to become a State Representative. "Justine Barns was a remarkable State Representative, councilwoman, philanthropist, leader and friend. Our community is a better place because of her countless contributions," said Mayor William R. Wild. The late Mrs. Barns served on the original Westland Charter Committee when Nankin Township was converted to the City of Westland. She dedicated many years to the city before going on to serve in the House of Representatives. After spending 12- years at the Capitol, she served another four years on Westland City Council before retiring. "With a large list of firsts, Westland is proud to call her our "First" Westland Councilmember on the "First' City Council as well as the "First" woman president to serve the council, Wild added.

Wayne Main Street plans annual clean-up effort

Wayne Main Street is partnering with members of the Rotary Club of Wayne and the Friends of the Rouge to conduct a city-wide cleanup of the roads and paths bordering the Rouge River.

The clean up event, Community and Rouge River Clean-Up Day, is planned for 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 24.

Volunteers can as much or as little as time and energy permit. Help is needed to pick up trash along the roads or trails or many other general clean-up tasks. The project is an effort to make the city more walkable and beautiful, a Wayne Main Street spokesman said.

Social distancing and masks will be required, except in family pods. Light refreshments for volunteers will be provided.

"We need your support. By volunteering to help clean up Wayne, you can make a difference! Volunteers are encouraged to wear old clothes, masks, and bring gloves. This is a great volunteer opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, and community service groups" the spokesman added in a prepared release.

Volunteers are asked to bring brooms, shovels, and other cleaning equipment. Trash bags will be provided.

Participants will meet at 9 a.m. April 24 at Goudy Park to begin the clean up efforts.

Inkster man faces murder charge in fatal shooting of brother

Roderick Phillips, 50, of Inkster was due in court yesterday for a probable cause conference on charges he shot and killed his 57-year-old brother during an argument.

Prosecutors allege that Roderick Phillips fatally shot Michael Phillips, also of Inkster, during a disagreement just before 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 13.

Police dispatchers sent officers and an ambulance to a home in the 2600 block of Ross Street after receiving the emergency 911 call at 11:47 p.m.

Responding officers discovered Michael Phillips lying on the floor of the home suffering a gunshot wound to the chest, according to police reports. Medical responders from the Inkster Fire Department treated the victim, but Michael Phillips succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Police investigators claim that an argument between the defendant and the victim escalated, resulting in the fatal shooting.

Roderick Phillips was charged with second degree murder and felony firearm violations.

He was arraigned in 22nd District Court and his probable cause conference set for yesterday.

Police seek identity of suspect in phone store robbery

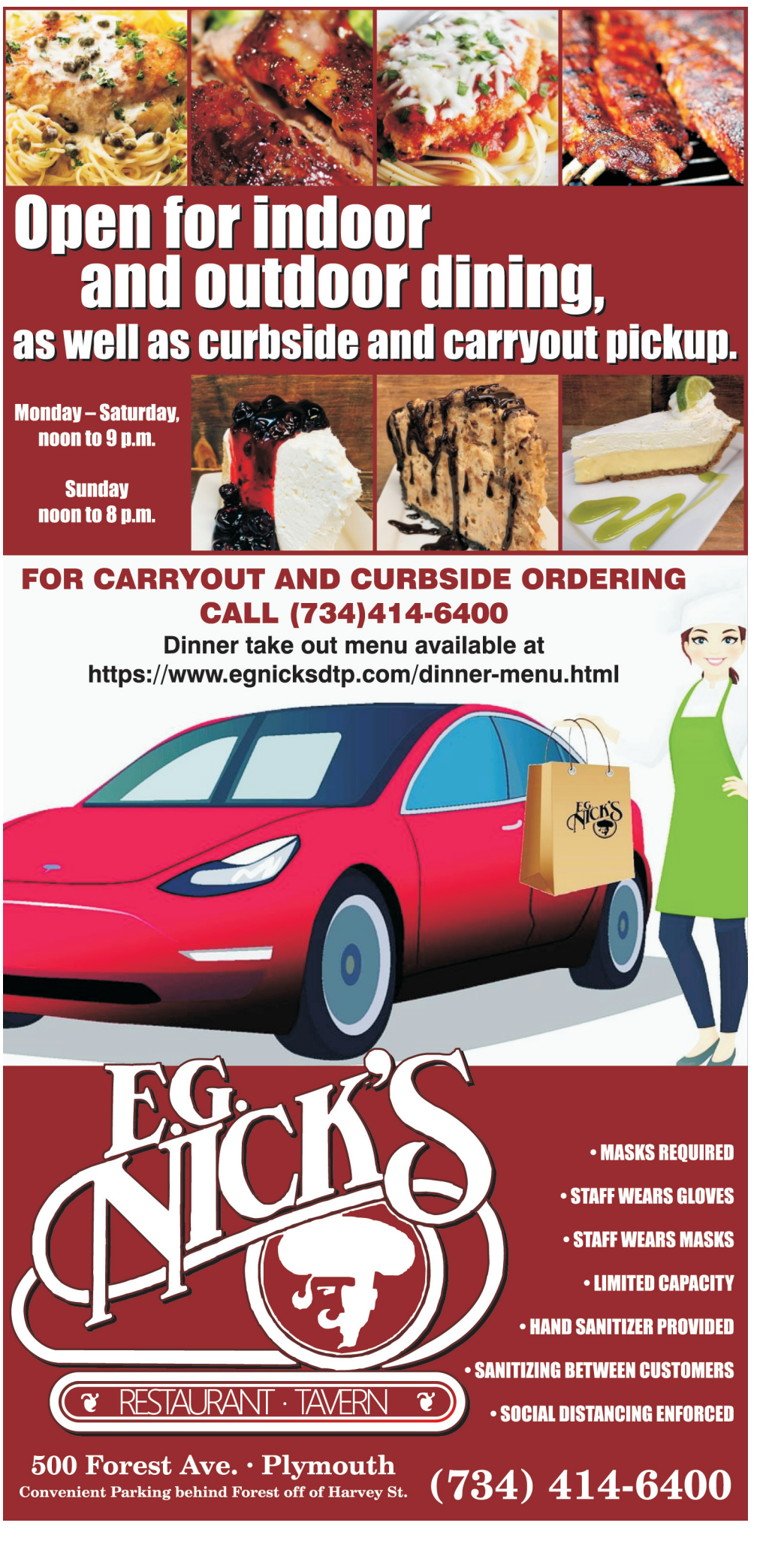
Inkster Police Det. Andrea Lebo is hoping a member of the public will give her a call with information about the person who robbed a Cricket Wireless store last week.

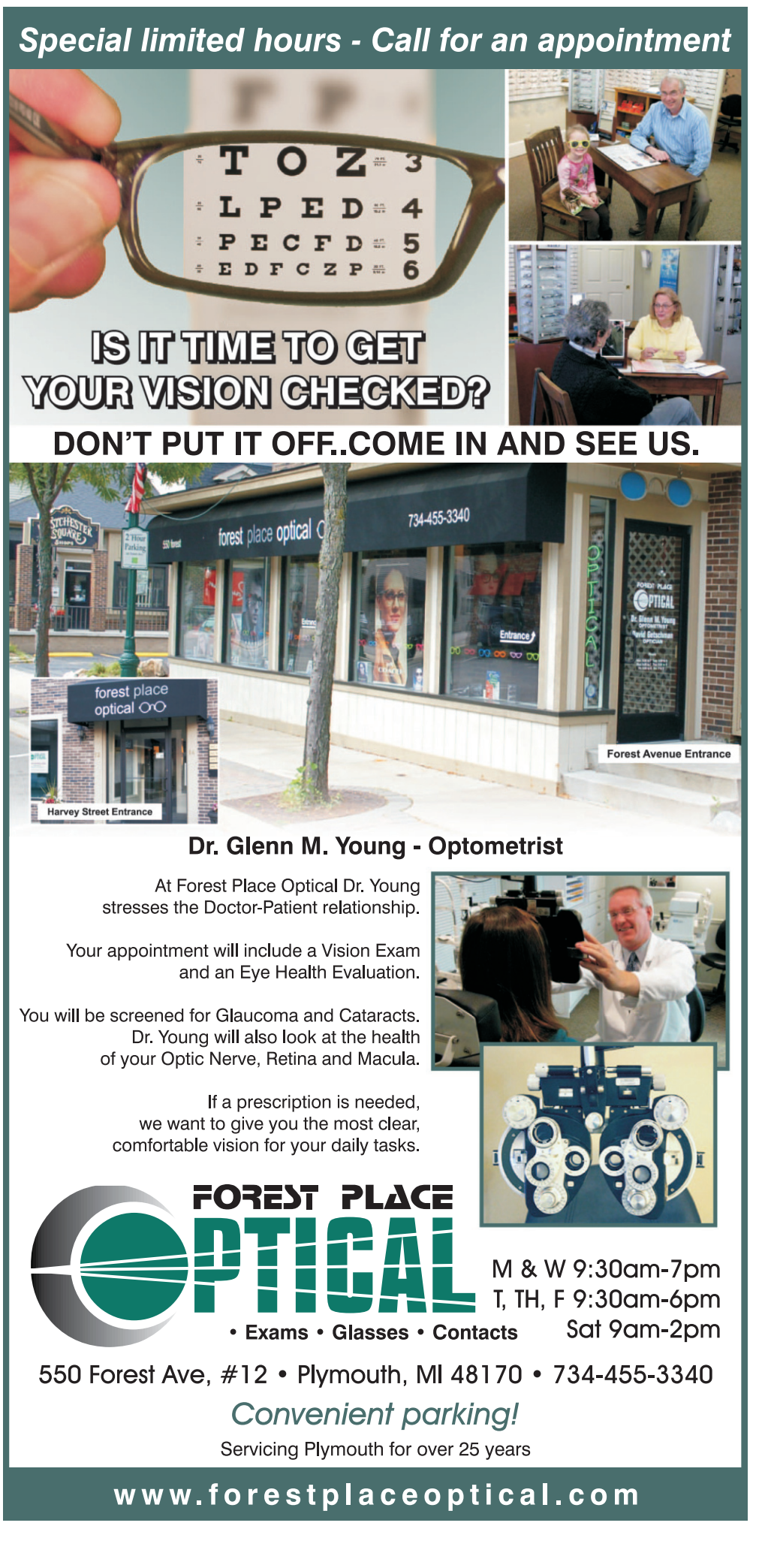
According to police reports, the clerk at the store was held at gunpoint and robbed by a man at about 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at the store located at 27360 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The man left the store and fled in a dark-colored minivan with a sliding side door, witnesses told police. The minivan was driven northbound on Inkster Road and then eastbound on South River Park Drive.

The clerk was not harmed during the robbery, according to reports of the incident.

Anyone who may have information about the suspect is asked to call Lebo at (313) 400-5387.

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